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Subject: Arctic Sciences Proposal Target Date Change

Dear Colleague,

The Arctic Sciences Section of the Office of Polar Programs (OPP) in NSF intends to change the target dates for submission of proposals from June 1 and December 15 to February 15 and August 1. In order to comply with a regulation requiring 90 days notice of such changes, 1998 will be a transition year in which target dates will be April 1 and August 1.

The change is required to provide sufficient time for proposal review and for planning and approval of airlift requirements and research vessel clearances. Proposals requiring C-130 support from the Air National Guard (currently, all Greenland operations) or use of a research vessel must be submitted by the February 15 (April 1 in 1998) target date for work in the subsequent year. Proposals requiring other field work must be submitted by the August 1 target date for work in the subsequent year. Proposals not requiring fieldwork can be submitted for either target date. Proposers cannot expect February 15 (April 1 in 1998) proposals to be approved for the summer of that same year.

If there are any questions, please contact Dr. Thomas E. Pyle of my office. He can be reached via e-mail at tpyle@nsf.gov or via telephone at 703/306-1029.

Sincerely,

John B. Hunt
Acting Director

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